

FORCED DOOR OPENS WAY TO DIVORCE SUIT

Mrs. Mildred S. Blanchard
Starts Action Against U. S.
Rubber Official.

HAD SUED ONCE BEFORE

A divorce suit filed in the Supreme Court yesterday against Harry G. Blanchard, a \$10,000 a year official of the United States Rubber Company, by Mrs. Mildred S. Blanchard, daughter of Carlton Slater, a wealthy jewelry merchant of Cleveland, Ohio, brought to light a suppressed suit for separation filed by Mrs. Blanchard last March.

In an affidavit made by Mrs. Blanchard in connection with an application for alimony in the separation suit she alleged that her husband had asked her to divorce him and had promised to furnish the evidence on which to base her suit.

The alimony application was withdrawn two days after it was made and the suit was subsequently discontinued, but the facts in the petition became known through an effort by Mrs. Blanchard's attorney, Marshall S. Barney, to collect a \$300 counsel fee from Blanchard after his wife had decided not to sue him.

It was learned yesterday that Mrs. Blanchard's divorce suit is the result of evidence obtained on a sudden trip by Mrs. Blanchard and her mother to this city from Cleveland, where she has been living. They joined a party of detectives last Saturday night and went from the Hotel Astor to a house where, it is alleged, they forced the door and found Blanchard and a woman named in the divorce papers as "Mrs. M. Walker." It is charged that the couple have been living in the house since last October.

In Mrs. Barney's affidavit, which was submitted to Supreme Court Justice Davis on Mr. Barney's application for his fee, Mrs. Blanchard said that in February, 1913, she received an anonymous letter while she was in Cleveland telling her she would better investigate her husband. She employed the Burns agency to look up her husband, who was then living at the Hotel Manhattan, and the detectives reported that Blanchard had been with the same woman for two weeks. Mrs. Blanchard came back to New York at once, and her husband insisted that he had not been guilty of improper conduct.

Mrs. Blanchard said her husband then began to abuse her in a systematic manner and struck her two or three times a week on the slightest pretext. He repeatedly knocked her down in the presence of the servants, she said, and blackened both her eyes. She suggested many times that she get a divorce, but he refused to furnish a bill for goods she had bought when he became so angry that he pulled out her diamond earrings and stamped on them.

The papers show that two days after the alimony application in which Mrs. Blanchard asked \$100 a week had been filed she wrote her attorney that she had decided not to "pursue the matter any further" and notified him that she had terminated whatever authority she had given him.

Justice Davis not only refused to compel Blanchard to pay the counsel fee, but struck out as scandalous an affidavit made by Mrs. Barney concerning alleged statements by Mrs. Blanchard about her husband, and directed Barney to pay \$10 for making the affidavit. A month later Justice Davis signed an order discontinuing the separation suit.

PLAZA HOLDS PRINCESS'S ART.

Not Worried, Says Management Over
Lwoff-Parlaghy's \$12,000 Bill.

Princess Lwoff-Parlaghy, who has lived for several years at the Plaza Hotel, has left there owing the hotel a sum said to be about \$12,000. The hotel has her bronzes, tapestries and some of her paintings, including a portrait of Kaiser Wilhelm.

"The matter will come out all right; we are not in the least disturbed over it," said one of the Plaza management yesterday. "The war has simply cut off a great deal of the Princess's income. Her pictures and furnishings that are here are worth, I should say, over \$100,000. The sum due the hotel is small in comparison. Meanwhile she wishes to live more modestly and has gone to the home of friends on Riverside Drive. I think she is staying with a Mrs. Knight."

There are five Knight families living on or close to the Plaza and all five families yesterday that any one with a title is a guest in their homes. The Princess is said to owe Durland's Riding Academy \$1,000, and the office of J. Campbell Thompson, the riding academy's counsel in this matter, expressed surprise to know where she had gone. Frederick M. Delius, the Princess's "personal representative," has left the Plaza too.

FLORIDA CAN'T RADIO SAFETY.

War Rules Forbid Limer to Send
Anything but S O S Call.

Paul Faguel, general agent of the French Line at this port, said yesterday that there was no foundation for the report that he was worried about the steamship Florida. He expects to hear from her within forty-eight hours. He added, however, that the Florida is slow, taking fourteen days to make the trip from Havre, whence she sailed on November 25, even in good weather, and in winter from eighteen to twenty-three days. She is carrying only 1,200 tons of cargo, which makes her very light, and doubtless has caused her to be much retarded. The restrictions on the use of the wireless in the Florida are for the Florida to signal except in case of distress. If she had met with accident we would have received word by wireless.

MRS. W. E. BANKS SUES.

Absolute Divorce Asked From Cigarette Manufacturer.

Papers in a suit for absolute divorce were served yesterday on William E. Banks of Bayshore, Queens, who is a cigarette manufacturer in Manhattan. His lawyer, Louis Huel, and his wife's lawyer, Louis T. Brown, filed to say anything about the matter.

Mrs. Banks comes from an old Southern family. Her father, M. T. Mercier, was a prominent resident of New Orleans. Her mother lives in Riverside Drive, Manhattan. Mr. Banks is interested in yachting and is a member of the Bayshore Yacht Club.

DRY PRESIDENT NEXT—SULZER.

Tells Prohibitionists They Can
Elect Nominee In 1916.

FRANK, Dec. 15.—Ex-Gov. Sulzer, who ran for Governor on the Prohibition and American party tickets in the last election, came to New York today to attend a meeting of the Prohibition State committee and to urge a national prohibition between the Prohibition and American parties for 1916. Sulzer argued that if such a scheme were adopted the two parties could elect a President on a Prohibition platform two years hence.

The Prohibitionists finally decided to present a memorial to the Prohibition National Committee requesting that the possibility of such a coalition be investigated. The Prohibitionists selected Olin S. Bishop State chairman.

GOLD LINKS FAIL TO HALT DECKER DECREE

Mrs. Kathryn Browne Decker, an actress lately of the cast of "He Comes Smiling," won a decree of separation before Supreme Court Justice Blanchard yesterday from Henry E. Decker, grandson of the founder of the Sheffield Farms-Slawson-Decker Dairy Company, the Justice holding that his accusations constituted "cruelty" because they were unfounded. The amount of alimony to be paid by Decker is to be determined by a referee.

Before the case was decided counsel for Decker succeeded in putting in evidence a letter written to Mrs. Decker by Alberton Brownell, one of the male friends whose names have been brought out in the case. The letter read:

"DEAR KATHRYN: A small box of Tiffany's was on my dresser last night when I reached home. I put off opening it for some time, so that I could tease myself speculating as to its contents. The mere fact that it came from you brought you more vividly into the room, and I continually looked up to see you come through the door. But you did not. 'I do not know, dear, that I can stand this new living arrangement. I want you so ardently. You filled my every mental want so fully on Thursday evening that your companionship is growing dearer to me every day. Then I opened the box and found these buttons. Thank you, sweetheart. Next to having your arms about me, these at my throat will be best. It is very sweet of you.'"

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BIG FORGERIES FOUND AFTER LAWYER'S DEATH

Charles B. Reynolds, Well
Known Georgian, Dies in
Home From Bullet.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—Mystery surrounds the death of Charles B. Reynolds, leading Atlanta attorney, who was killed by a bullet about 5 o'clock this morning at his home in the fashionable district of the city. Members of Mr. Reynolds's family assert he was killed in a duel with a burglar. After an investigation a coroner's jury declared that Mr. Reynolds came to his death at the hands of "an unknown person."

During the investigation it developed that Mr. Reynolds had failed to meet notes for \$12,000 which fell due at Atlanta banks on Monday. These notes were endorsed by Judge John Chandler and E. V. Carter, wealthy Atlanta lawyers and Mr. Carter, who the notes were unpaid, and both to-day said their endorsements had been forged. Officials of the banks said they had discounted many notes endorsed by Mr. Reynolds, and that they had never noticed the notes when due. Reynolds tried to get the present notes renewed but failed, it was said. He had about \$3,000 on deposit in the banks.

According to his wife Mr. Reynolds got up just before 5 o'clock this morning saying, "Some one is in the house." He went into the reception hall and soon five shots were heard. When his wife and children reached the hall Mr. Reynolds was dead, with a bullet through his heart and a pistol by his side. The front door was open and a derringer pistol was found near the steps.

The pistol found near Mr. Reynolds was of 38 calibre and four .38 calibre bullets were found in the wall of the reception hall. The bullet that pierced Mr. Reynolds's heart was also of .38 calibre, and his clothing was powder burned. The pistol found near the steps was of larger calibre. Mrs. Reynolds insists that a burglar killed her husband.

CHEER FOR JOHN E. REDMOND.

Irish League Meets to Give Thanks
for Home Rule.

The name of John E. Redmond was greeted with cheers at the Metropolitan convention of the United Irish League held last night in Terrace Garden to thank the Irish Nationalist party for the accomplishment of home rule.

Resolutions were passed that moral and material support be furnished the Nationalist volunteers so they may be fully armed to insure the operation of home rule.

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GOLDSTEIN OUT AS UNION BANK COUNSEL

Daniel W. Quinn, Jr., Appointed
to Supersede Edward
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RICHARDS WANTS ACTION

Eugene Lamb Richards, State Superintendent of Banks, has appointed Daniel W. Quinn, Jr., as deputy superintendent in charge of the Union Bank of Brooklyn in liquidation. He supersedes Edward L. Dodge, who was resigned to his former work as a bank examiner.

Superintendent Richards also appointed Joseph G. Deane of 45 Broadway, a former law partner of Governor-elect Whitman, as counsel for the bank. In place of Assistant District Attorney Goldstein, except that Mr. Goldstein is continued as counsel in all matters involving Edward M. Grout and David A. Sullivan. These appointments came as a surprise yesterday when Mr. Dodge arrived at the bank and found Mr. Quinn waiting for him with a note from Supt. Richards. Mr. Richards would not comment on the appointments. Both of the appointees are Republicans.

It was learned that Mr. Richards wanted action regarding the Union Bank liquidation before his term of office expired. It is understood Supt. Richards "will be the first to go" when Mr. Whitman takes office.

Supt. Richards is not satisfied, it is said, with the efforts of Mr. Dodge and Assistant District Attorney Goldstein on behalf of the Union Bank. The depositors have received nothing and the bank has dwindled from \$343,600 in 1910 to \$87,000. From this amount now in hand should be deducted \$16,000 taxes due and unpaid.

Mr. Goldstein has been receiving for his services \$600 a month "on account," in addition to his expenses. Supt. Richards has recently been trying to have this reduced to \$250 a month, and he wants the words "on account" stricken out.

Mr. Goldstein said last night that he would accept the reduction and appointments of Supt. Richards. Dr. Ellis Rohrer, head of the Union Bank depositors' committee, who has bitterly opposed Supt. Richards, said last night he doubted whether the depositors would take any action. It would hardly be worth while, he said, because Mr. Richards would be out of office after the first of the year.

The new appointments have been instructed to begin at once and make a report to Supt. Richards as soon as possible, and to conclude the liquidation speedily and economically. Mr. Goldstein was instructed to turn over all pleadings, documents and legal papers to Mr. Deane.

Supt. Richards's letter to Mr. Goldstein contained the following paragraph, referring to Goldstein's salary of \$600 a month "on account," which he receives in addition to \$1,500 a year as Assistant District Attorney:

"You will please fix the charges set forth in the statement you rendered me under date of September 26 for services claimed to have been performed by you, and the total amount due for the same since the payments you have received on account. I have heretofore requested you to fix these amounts in order that I might know the amount you claim in full for your services in connection with the liquidation of the bank, but this far you have failed to do so, or to indicate the gross amount claimed by you."

"You will please give this matter your immediate attention."

A meeting of the Depositors' Association of the defunct Union Bank was held last night at 165 Summer avenue. J. Ellis Rohrer presided and it was decided to take some action on the order of State Banking Superintendent Richards. The depositors said they were pleased with the work of Mr. Dodge and Mr. Goldstein. What action is to be taken was not determined, but will be left to a committee.

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